

RICK MORLEY

ABOUT

THE REVEREND RICK MORLEY

I am passionate about crafting liturgical and formation experiences which help people either initiate a relationship with God, rekindle such a relationship, or deepen that relationship. As such, I spend a lot of time learning about and teaching spiritual practices, our common traditions which span the ages, and new perspectives which translate an ancient faith into a postmodern world.

I have an artist's heart. I love to create things with paint, or song, or drama, and use those various media to help people find joy and wonder in all God's works.

As a pastor, I love being with people, and being with them through their joys and sorrows. I find being invited into people's lives in their darkest moments, and even their last moments, as one of the great privileges of the priesthood. Whether it's Facebooking with a college student, going laser-tagging with the middle schoolers, or enjoying high tea with the Altar Guild—I find people endlessly interesting. And, I want them to know that they are loved by the Church and by Jesus—that they are important to the One who created the sun, moon and stars. And that, young and old, rich or poor—they are persons of infinite worth.

THINGS OF NOTE

WRITING

rickmorley.com

I maintain a blog which features lectionary-based reflections, version of the prayers of the people, and some book reviews and other items of interest. I've published a book, and I'm working on a few more projects.

THE ABINGDON CREATIVE PREACHING ANNUAL

Contributor

I was a contributor to all three editions of the Abingdon Creative Preaching Journal.

THE ARTS

I paint with watercolor, oils, and acrylic. I'm a trained bass vocalist. And, from time to time I'm seen on stage, singing and acting.

EDUCATION

1999-2002

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Candler School of Theology, Emory University

1992-1996

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia

BS in Psychology and Departmental Honors in Theology.

EXPERIENCE

2009 - Present

ST. MARK'S, BASKING RIDGE, NJ

Rector

Rector of a suburban parish in the metro-NY area, which is focused on worship, outreach, the arts, and spiritual development at all ages. Elected Dean of the Watchung Convocation, and chair of the Diocesan Clergy Continuing Education Committee.

2002 - 2009

DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

Area Missioner, Vicar, and Priest in Charge

Served as the Bishop's representative in the western region of the diocese, 2002-2009. Vicar of St. Peter's in Lonaconing, MD, 2002-2009. Priest-in-Charge of St. John's in Frostburg, MD, 2004-2009. Served on the board of the Bishop Claggett Center, the Diocesan Commission on Ministry, and the Search Committee for the Bishop of Maryland.

1999 - 2002

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Seminarian

Worked under the direction of the rector, led youth group, served pastorally, led adult education, and facilitated two overseas mission trips.